Dear Community Partner,

In these unprecedented times, our partnerships are more important than ever. Thank you for being an advocate for our resilient community. Please enjoy the August edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update.

Downtown: Progress continues in Janesville's award-winning downtown.

- Blain Gilbertson Family Heritage Bridge: The sculpture for the pedestrian bridge will be set late-September or early-October. Check out <u>Drywater Production's video</u> of Jane and Mick Gilbertson who discuss the history of the bridge and what's to come.
- East Side Town Square: The contractor has completed the work on the north half of Water Street. Concrete is being poured on the landing area of the east side of the pedestrian bridge, and the remainder of Water St. will be poured by the end of August. The staging area for the bridge and retaining wall work will be cleaned out to allow the "square" improvements on the east side. This includes the pavilion, fire pit, activity deck, donor wall, lighting and landscaping, and informational kiosks. These improvements will be completed by mid-October.
- Monterey Area River Restoration (MARR): As this project wraps up, topsoil is being placed on the site, and seed will be planted in September.

Election Statistics: The August Partisan Primary election saw unprecedented absentee ballot numbers, and the Clerk-Treasurer's Office made polling place changes to allow for better social distancing. Thank you to all poll workers and volunteers for assisting with a successful election. To request an absentee ballot for November's election, visit www.myvote.wi.gov.

				Percentage
	8/9/2016	8/11/2020	Change	Change
Absentee Ballots Issued	1,547	9,994	8,447	546.02%
Absentee Ballots Returned	1,426	7,604	6,178	433.24%
In Person Votes	9,625	2,329	(7,296)	-75.80%
Total Votes Cast	11,051	9,933	(1,118)	-10.12%
Absentee Ballot Returned %	92%	76%		
Absentee Vote %	13%	77%		

Event Information:

- East Milwaukee Street Community Engagement Forum: Join the City of Janesville for a public forum regarding the E. Milwaukee St. reconstruction on Thursday, September 17 from 4:30 6 p.m. in Room 416 at City Hall (18 N. Jackson St.).
- East Side Town Square Ribbon Cutting: Stay tuned for exciting information about an upcoming Ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the East Side Town Square!
- POW/MIA Day: This year's POW/MIA Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Friday, September 18 at Veteran's Plaza (Traxler Park) at 6 p.m. with Congressman Steil as the featured speaker. Join the Janesville Patriotic Society to honor the Janesville resident and Navy pilot who was shot down and disappeared over Vinh. North Vietnam in 1966.

Music at the Marv: Music at the Marv is back! Enjoy the 2020 season by reserving your "pod" early and wearing a mask. Full rules, regulations, and registration information are available online. Thank you to Mercyhealth and Downtown Janesville, Inc. for their partnership!

Questions? Contact the Management Information Specialist: cojmedia@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3177.





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We hope you enjoyed staff photos on #CityHallSelfie Day on the City's Facebook and Twitter!

NESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

See you Saturday mornings 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Main St. May through October **Bring your mandatory mask!**

COVID-19 Resources:

www.ci.janesville.wi.us/covid19 We continue to encourage you to wear a mask!





